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Speaker Steve Peters issued a directive Friday stating all Ontario and Canadian flags bought for members

of the provincial legislature must be manufactured in Ontario. Failing that, they must be made in Canada, he said. The opposition parties were in an uproar recently after learning the government's procurement office was buying Ontario flags from China. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sunny Side

Now that spring is here, Metro is looking at the sunnier side of life.

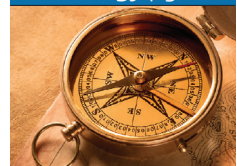
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Shining Lights



Lights poses with her Juno Award for new artist of the year last night at the Juno Awards in Vancouver. Nickelback took top billing with three Junos. More coverage, pages 17, 18.

Food for thought

Former inspector warns of bioterrorism, outbreaks

A retired food inspector is warning lax meat import rules leave Canada vulnerable to bioterrorism and outbreaks of dangerous bacteria such as Listeria.

"In these times the threat to security and terrorism is real," says a report by Paul Caron, a former Canadian Food Inspection Agency inspector.

"There are outbreaks of animal diseases such as avian influenza and BSE (mad cow disease) in many countries of the world. ... The recent outbreaks of Listeria should illustrate what the potential is for the introduction of a food borne illness from an import meat source."

The report says the problems begin at the border.

The CFIA pre-clears U.S. meat imports before they enter Canada. The agency tells American exporters at least three days ahead of time if their shipments will be checked.

The report says this could allow "unsavory" exporters to dump unsafe meats into Canada, and it is an ideal means to smuggle contraband across the border or carry out acts of bioterrorism.

Conversely, the report adds, the United States inspects all meat shipments at its borders.

One in every 10 shipments to Canada is sent to inspection facilities for a closer look by a CFIA inspector. Depending where the meat is going, these facilities can be hundreds of kilometres from the border, the report says.

Companies can also choose which facility inspects their meat, it adds, which opens the door for importers and processors to "potentially choose an inspector who is more lenient in general, or worse yet, potentially an inspector with whom they have an arrangement."

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'Dicey meats'

• The report says many inspectors are simply new to the job and lack the training and expertise to spot dicey meats. Turnaround time is another issue. The report says it can take anywhere from a few hours to a few days to perform a proper inspection.

Britain's Home Secretary red-faced over blue movies

Britain's Home Secretary apologized yesterday for putting five pay-per-view movies on her parliamentary expense account, including two X-rated ones screened by her husband.

Jacqui Smith admitted she should not have claimed any of the movies and said all the money would be paid back. She attributed the mistake to not being careful enough with a service package that included both Internet and TV.

"I am sorry that in claiming for my Internet connection, I mistakenly claimed for a television package alongside it," Smith said in a statement. "As soon as the matter was brought to my

"X-rated is not the same as porn."

Spokeswoman for Britain's Home Secretary Jacqui Smith

attention, I took immediate steps to contact the relevant parliamentary authori-

ties and rectify the situation."

Smith put on her expenses two unnamed adult movies shown on pay-per-view television channels at her family home in April 2008 at about \$7 US each, as well as three other movies — two viewings of Ocean's Thirteen and one of Surf's Up at about \$5.

Smith's spokeswoman said the adult movies were X-rated and had scenes of a sexual nature.

"X-rated is not the same as porn," the spokeswoman said, refusing to elaborate. She spoke anonymously in line with government policy and would not release the names of the X-rated movies. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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A man is in hospital recovering from serious stab wounds after he was found early yesterday bleeding from the stomach inside Finch subway station. The heavily intoxicated man was found wandering the station's bus depot around 1 a.m. with a stab wounds to his gut and lower back. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Local



Arrests made in restaurant owner's death

A minor acquaintance of a Toronto restaurant owner is facing a charge of first-degree murder in the man's death. The body of George Koutroubis, left, 36, was found dead in his SUV on Feb. 22 in Brampton. Andrew Campbell, 43, was arrested Friday and is to appear in a Brampton court today where he will be formally charged with first-degree murder. Two other people — Meryl Morgan, 40, and a 17-year-old who can't be named — are facing a charge of accessory after the fact to murder.

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These results are not official.

Seized drugs, guns going to landfills

Illegal drugs seized at the border — including hash, methadone and steroids — are winding up in landfills because Canada's border guards don't know they're supposed to be destroyed.

That's among the findings of a scathing report into sloppy security at government warehouses, where some \$400 million of seized contraband is sent each year by the Canada Border Services Agency.

"Security and access control to storage facilities were below standard and storage requirements for drugs, firearms and ammunition were not consistently met," says the internal audit.

"Inventory control was inadequate."

Seizures

• More than half of all seizures made by Canada Border Services Agency are drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The rest includes child pornography, firearms, ammunition and jewelry.

Investigators examined supposedly secure facilities — known as Queen's warehouses or bond rooms — in the province of Quebec, and in the Toronto and Windsor, Ont., regions, where many of the 30,000 border seizures each year are made.

The report notes that seized items are rarely suitable for sale on the government's online auction site,

creating a continuing storage and disposal challenge.

The audit, completed last month, cites a long litany of shoddy security practices for the 68 facilities inspected, at airports, land border crossings and postal plants.

"Physical security was below standard for half of the interior facilities and all of the exterior facilities," the report says.

For example, 70 per cent of the warehouses or bond rooms were not continuously monitored, whether by guards, cameras or motion detectors. And at 15 facilities, the agency did not control access by non-government persons. Twenty-three of the sites had no inventory control whatsoever.

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British MP awaits entry ruling

IMMIGRATION A Federal Court judge will rule today on an injunction asking that British MP George Galloway be allowed entry into Canada for a series of anti-war speeches.

The federal government advised Galloway in a letter this month that he could not enter Canada because he violated provisions in the Immigration

and Refugee Protection Act, specifically ones that relate to terrorism.

The charge he engaged in terrorist activities is apparently based on the fact that Galloway delivered humanitarian goods to war-torn Gaza and gave \$45,000 to the Hamas government.

Lawyers representing groups trying to bring Gal-

loway to Canada argued in Federal Court in Toronto yesterday that an injunction should be granted allowing Galloway to enter Canada for four days pending a judicial review.

Justice Luc Martineau — who presided over the court via video from Ottawa — reserved his decision until today.

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Danforth Greek Independence Day



The Greek community of Toronto holds its annual Independence Day parade on Danforth Avenue. Traditional Greek musicians attempt to keep dry along the parade route.

News in brief

RAISES Ontario workers might be shortchanged a promised

minimum wage hike next year as the province grapples with the recession, Premier Dalton McGuinty has indicated. While this year's hike — to \$9.50 an hour from \$8.75 — will go ahead as planned, the tanking economy means the government will have to reassess its position next year,

McGuinty said in Ottawa on Friday.



Miller

PAY FREEZE Despite urging civic employees to accept a pay freeze in 2009, Toronto Mayor David Miller won't ask his fellow politicians on city council to do the same. He said it was it was up to the 44 councillors to make individual decisions

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An 18-year-old woman was killed in a two-vehicle crash in Hamilton. Police say the woman was a passenger in a car that allegedly did not stop Saturday when an officer tried to pull the vehicle over. Moments later, the car collided with a van. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Province eases up on vanity plates

LICENCE Religious titles will soon be included among acceptable monikers for vanity licence plates under new rules announced by the Ministry of Transportation last week. Applications will now be evaluated taking the whole meaning into account rather than individual words, the ministry said.

Alcohol-related words, sexual references, racist, obscene and derogatory terms are still prohibited.

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Witness sparks new allegation

HEARING OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino's fight to have an adjudicator removed from a disciplinary hearing goes before the courts today amid new allegations the province's top cop abused his power and acted unlawfully.

The allegations, in filings with the Ontario Court of Appeal, stem from a probe into a police officer who was a defence witness at the misconduct hearing Fantino initiated against two other officers.

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Power usage dips 15% as Toronto dims lights

EarthHour

The energy-saving numbers crunched yesterday might not look like some provinces did much to mark Earth Hour and yet organizers and hydro providers said the event was a success in Canada.

Ontario appeared to have one of the largest drops in power consumption. Toronto recorded a 15.1 per cent power drop and a six per cent provincewide dip in electricity use Saturday night between 8:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

To the west, however, Manitoba reported a small spike in electricity use in the 15 minutes after the official start of Earth Hour.

Blame it on Mother Nature. The province is working around the clock to battle the rising waters of the Red River. And Saturday night, the temperature was sitting around -8 C with a wind chill making it

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A combination picture shows the skyline of downtown Toronto before and during Earth Hour on Saturday.

feel like -13 C.

British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia said there were reports of about a one

per cent drop in power consumption, figures that utilities heralded as a success.

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Harmonized tax will hit new homebuyers

TAXES Ontario residents shopping for a home next year will face mounting charges as the provincial government harmonizes the GST and provincial sales tax, and that could force some buyers to put their plans on the back burner.

On Thursday, the Ontario Liberal government introduced in its 2009-10 budget a plan to blend the federal GST with the provincial sales tax.

On new homes, where GST is already included, that will add another eight per cent provincial tax to houses worth more than \$500,000. New homes worth less than \$400,000 will not face the additional tax, while those between

\$400,000 and \$500,000 will pay the tax but get a rebate.

Under the harmonized tax, resold homes are exempt from the sales tax on their value, but buyers will still face higher taxes on all the costs associated with closing the deal.

The provincial government was quick to note that 73 per cent of homes bought in Ontario last year were resales, which means the majority of buyers won't be slapped with the entire tax plan.

It also noted that 75 per cent of new home sales fall below the \$400,000 threshold, which means they will only be subjected to taxes on movers and lawyers.

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News in brief

FATAL FIRE A Mississauga man died when a fire swept through his home yesterday. Firefighters arrived at the Golden Orchard Drive home, near Dixie Road and Bloor Street West, to find thick smoke billowing from the rear of the home at about 4 p.m. Firefighters doused the blaze

and found the victim in a bedroom. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Neighbours said the man, in his 70s, lived alone and was left a widower about 10 years ago. He had a grown daughter and son. The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office is probing the cause of the fire.

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Seventy-five radioactive devices used in Canadian medicine and industry went astray in recent years — almost one-third of them dangerous enough to cause people harm, newly released figures show. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada



2010 Games gets weather monitor

Athletes competing in Nordic and alpine events during the 2010 Games will have access to up-to-the-minute weather forecasts with the installation of a new radar system, the federal government announced Saturday. A \$1-million Doppler system has been put in place just outside Whistler, B.C., allowing meteorologists to monitor conditions along the Sea-to-Sky Highway and over the two competition venues in the area.

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U.S. surge welcome: PM

But extra help won't curb Canadian casualties, Harper says

A surge in U.S. troop strength in Afghanistan is welcome, but it won't necessarily reduce Canadian casualties, says Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

In an interview yesterday on CTV's Question Period, Harper said the new deployments by U.S. President Barack Obama will help take some pressure off Canadian forces operating

in the Kandahar region.

"The Americans, quite frankly, are bringing in far more troops than we had initially believed we needed or hoped for," said Harper.

He quickly went on to caution, however, that it still won't be an easy ride.

"We will continue to have a combat role ... So it will continue to be a dangerous mission, notwithstanding

the fact we will be vastly reinforced by the American presence."

Looking at the longer term, Harper repeated his long-standing intention to withdraw Canadian combat troops from the country by 2011. But he insisted that doesn't mean he and Obama are at odds over NATO strategy.

His impression when he

met the U.S. president in Ottawa last month was that Obama too wants to find an exit strategy that will see the Afghan government assume responsibility for its own security, said Harper.

Harper raised eyebrows last month when he suggested the Afghan insurgency can never be defeated by military means alone.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrives at Fox News yesterday to appear as a guest on Fox News Sunday in Washington, D.C. Harper elaborated on his remark that the Taliban in Afghanistan cannot be defeated on the battlefield.

Albertans feeling the pinch

ECONOMY The deep rivers of cash that were flowing down Calgary streets during the height of the oil boom have dwindled in the current recession and that has meant hard times for businesses that cater to the money-is-no-object Albertan.

Must-haves have suddenly turned into maybe-laters and that's putting the pinch on businessmen such as Alastair Richards.

"People's toys are, like, the first things to go when they're not working or don't have much money," sighed Richards, the owner of Off-road Motorsports, which sells motorcycles, quads and other off-road vehicles near DeWinton, just south of Calgary.

Business in the past year has dropped off by 55 per cent from the nearly \$1 million in sales he made in 2007 — the height of the oil boom.



Alastair Richards, director of Off-road Motorsports, and his dog Puppy with some of the motorized machines he sells from his shop near DeWinton, Alta. Richards says he has seen a marked decrease in sales as customers have been cutting back.

"It does suck. Pretty much all of last year did," he said.

"Things will pick up. The one thing that still sells is the kids' quads because of

birthdays, Christmas and things like that — they still get their kids something. The kids still get their stuff but dad doesn't get his."

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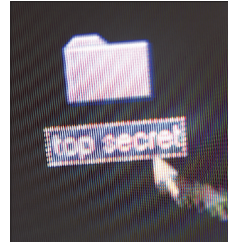
Cyber spy network found by researchers

ONLINE A cyber spy network based mainly in China has tapped into classified documents from government and private organizations in 103 countries, including the computers of Tibetan exiles, Canadian researchers said Saturday.

The work of the Information Warfare Monitor initially focused on allegations of Chinese cyber espionage against the Tibetan community in exile, especially the Dalai Lama, who is frequently denounced by Chinese officials.

The research eventually led to a much wider network of compromised machines, the Internet-based research group said.

Information Warfare Monitor is a joint effort of the SecDev Group in Ottawa and the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto.



A cyber spy network, based mainly in China, has accessed sensitive information from 103 countries, Canadian researchers said.

The group said in a news release that investigators conducted field research in India, Europe and North America, including in the private office of the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan government-in-exile and several Tibetan NGOs.

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News in brief

COURTS Gasps erupted in the courtroom more than a year ago when a jury foreman announced a "not guilty" verdict for Robert Pickton on the charge of first-degree murder, but guilty of the second-degree murders of six women. The B.C. Court of Appeal will begin hearing duelling appeals today by both the Crown and the defence in the case.

INCIDENT A B.C. man is in custody after spending more than six hours perched in a willow tree wielding a chainsaw as police tried to talk him down. The RCMP in Kamloops, B.C., say a man climbed nearly 10 metres up the tree Saturday night after threatening his father with the bush chainsaw.

FIRE Hundreds of students and staff at the University of Manitoba were ordered to leave the campus Saturday after a fire broke out in one of the buildings. The building was empty at the time.

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Afghan court extends Karzai's reign

Afghanistan's Supreme Court announced yesterday that President Hamid Karzai should remain in office until a new leader is chosen in a late-summer election, a decision that effectively extends his term more than three months, state TV said.

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World



McCain won't back Palin?

Senator John McCain isn't committing to supporting his U.S. vice-presidential pick, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, if she runs for president in 2012. McCain — the Republican party's presidential nominee last year — says he wants to see who the other candidates are and what the situation might be. But he says he has great affection for Palin and her family.

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Man kills sisters on birthday

A man on a rampage fatally stabbed his 17-year-old sister, decapitated his five-year-old sister in front of a police officer and then headed toward his nine-year-old sister before officers shot him amid what their chief described as "a killing field."

There is no clear motive yet for the events that unfolded about 5 p.m. Saturday in the tony Boston suburb of Milton, Mass., that is home to Gov. Deval Patrick.

But there is no doubt at the carnage wrought by 23-year-old Kerby Revelus against his three sisters in

Violent history

- Kerby Revelus had recently served jail time on a gun charge.
- Police had been called to the same house in 2004 after a report of Revelus allegedly punching one of the women living in the home.
- Saturday's attack came about 24 hours after Revelus had got into a fistfight with a man living next door.

the two-family home they shared with their parents and grandmother.

Bianca was killed as a

cake for her fifth birthday sat on the kitchen table. Sarafina, 9, dialled 9-1-1 and watched police shoot her brother as her sister, Samantha, lay dead on the floor. Sarafina was in hospital yesterday with defensive wounds to her hands and stab wounds in her abdomen and one of her legs.

An officer arrived within a minute of the 9-1-1 call and when Sarafina failed to open the door, he broke through. Two officers shot Revelus as he tried to get to Sarafina. He fell still clutching the knife.

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Police console a distraught mother Saturday in Milton, Mass., after Kerby Revelus, 23, fatally stabbed his 17-year-old sister and decapitated his five-year-old sister before officers shot him.

Weapons smuggled into Gaza

ARMS Palestinian militants have smuggled nearly 70 tonnes of explosives and bomb-making materials and other weapons into Gaza since Israel ended an offensive meant to choke off the arms flow, a senior Israeli defence official said yesterday.

The assessment by the chief of Israel's internal security service, Yuval Diskin, reinforced a growing feeling among Israelis that the government ended the war too soon.

The weapons, including dozens of rockets, hundreds of mortar shells and dozens of anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles, are coming in through Gaza's porous border with Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, despite improved Egyptian interdiction, Diskin said.

Using technology and informants, Israel has kept close tabs on Gaza since it withdrew its forces in 2005. Rocket and mortar attacks on Israel from Gaza have dropped off considerably but have not stopped: The military reported yesterday that 185 rockets and mortars were fired since the military campaign ended.

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8 killed in nursing home shooting

GUNMAN A state senator says a gunman burst into a North Carolina nursing home and opened fire, killing eight people and wounding several others.

Senator Harris Blake said the gunman was shot and wounded by police before he was apprehended after the 10 a.m. rampage in the town of Carthage, a small town of about 1,800 people in the Sandhills.

Six people were killed at the scene and two died later at a hospital.

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Obama won't speed up Iraq pullout

VIOLENCE U.S. President Barack Obama says he won't consider speeding up the troop pullout from Iraq even though security has improved and violence has decreased.

"I think the plan that we put forward in Iraq is the right one" because it calls for "a very gradual withdrawal through the national elections in Iraq," he said in an interview aired on CBS's Face the Nation.

Obama said there's plenty to do on the political side to resolve differences



Iraqi soldiers take position yesterday after they came under fire in Baghdad, Iraq.

between the various sectarian groups. Iraq's security forces also need to be trained, he added.

His comments aired as

U.S.-backed Iraqi forces yesterday swept through a central Baghdad slum where al-Qaida once held sway, disarming Sunnis from a government-allied paramilitary group to quell a two-day uprising to protest the arrest of their leader Adel al-Mashhadani.

Al-Mashhadani is accused of leading an armed group loyal to Saddam Hussein's ousted party. At least four people were killed and 21 wounded in the two days of fighting in Fadhil.

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News in brief

DAM BURSTS The number of people killed Friday when a wall of water and earth from a breached dam outside the Indonesian capital of Jakarta crashed into nearby homes has risen to 91. The toll is expected to rise with more than 100 still missing.

STAMPEDE Ivory Coast's Minister of the Interior announced on state TV that at least 22 people were killed and 132 were wounded at a stampede before a Ivory Coast-Malawi World Cup qualifying match yesterday in the capital's main stadium.

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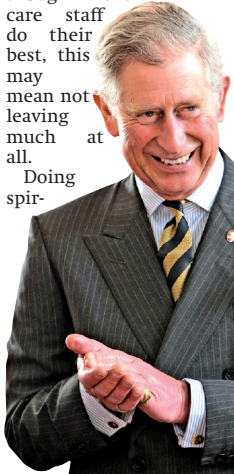
I want to share an old saying. It dates right back to 15 minutes ago when I made it up. "To find good news, look in a mental institute." That just makes life so clear doesn't it?

As I've mentioned before, as part of training to become a United Church of Canada minister I'm spending eight months working at an inner city church and a mental health hospital. I call this program Thirty Two Weeks In Heaven and Hell. Which place is which changes around from day to day.

Every Wednesday, I work on a mental health ward that houses those suffering from schizo-

phrenia. Some clients are with us for a week, some for many years. Some have "privileges," which are extraordinary freedoms such as being allowed to leave the building, even cross the street and use the corner store. Others can only leave with an escort and, though the care staff do their best, this may mean not leaving much at all.

Doing spir-



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itual care for these clients is challenging. I suggested to one woman that she try to "listen to her inner voice." Her response? "I'm trying not to listen to them. That's why I'm here." Fair enough.

Not taking client behaviour personally is another challenge. Last week, I walked into the ward happily sporting a short new haircut. Louise rushed over gushing, "I love your hair! You look just like Prince Charles!"

It's hard to carry on a conversation because some clients find it difficult to keep words in logical order. I sat for an hour with Gordon who babbled to me earnestly and entirely incoherently

as I smiled and nodded, all the while thinking, "Dear God, let me not be agreeing that Paul Martin was a modern day Gandhi."

So, where's the good news here? Well, it's not "no matter how bad your own life seems, remember you're allowed to cross the street," though it's a good thing to remember for sure.

On our ward, Dylan paints a picture that's hung in the hallway and he grins for a day. Loni gets her hair washed and everyone tells her she's gorgeous. Carson says he's glad to see me and offers a smile, precious as the first spring flower.

Encouragement. Appreciation. That's good news anywhere. And the best part is, it's not a privilege allowed only to some. In any life, in any place, you can make it yourself.

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Letters

Mercury takes the shine off CFL bulbs

RE: Word on the street, Do you think the federal government's proposal to phase out incandescent light bulbs for CFL bulbs is actually a bright idea? (March 25)

One word: Mercury. Imagine thousands of CFL bulbs in a landfill somewhere, leaching toxic mercury into the environment because John-Jane media-zombie believed the false environmentalists with their carbon tax solutions. Not in my household. Let's focus on real environmental problems. Bee die-off, polluted oceans and genetically-modified produce.

MARK ARIENDA-JOSE, TORONTO

Banning British MP is an affront to free speech

How dare does Immigration Minister Jason Kenney presume to decide who can speak publicly in this coun-

try, and what I, as a free Canadian citizen, can listen to, read and watch?

In Canada, we consider freedom of speech a fundamental right in our democracy. Banning British MP George Galloway from speaking at scheduled public meetings in Canada during his North American speaking tour is an affront to Canadian democracy and the intrinsic right of freedom of speech.

Canadians have the right to hear Galloway whether they agree with his positions on the Middle East or not. As a minister and MP, Kenney has claimed to be a proponent of freedom of speech. Apparently, he is afraid of what Galloway has to say.

I call on the minister to allow Galloway to come to Canada and speak.

WALIED KHOGALI, TORONTO

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Wilson station's escalators motionless for months

InTransit

Ed Drass

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Although the TTC has committed to keeping the subway in a "state of good repair," this currently does not apply to Wilson station. Late last year, a drain backed up and flooding brought most of the station's escalators to a halt. They've been motionless ever since.

While I don't expect the TTC to temporarily deem Wilson in disrepair, I do expect the organization to tell riders why for months they have not been able to use at least four escalators in this sprawling transit complex. The work required to fix the problem is difficult and complex, but the only apparent

communication Wilson users have received is in the form of temporary signs near the broken down escalators.

The posters are supposed to show the projected dates of completion, but these keep being extended. According to ttc.ca, one unit was back in service last week, with the remaining three scheduled for late April and May.

From a customer's perspective, little work appears to be underway — feeding a general impression that the TTC considers escalator maintenance a low priority.

North York resident Tania Cassin thinks escalators are a major part of transit accessibility. After witnessing some fellow riders having a tough time on adjacent stairs, she started a mini-campaign to reach the TTC. She contacted the complaint service, local city Coun-

TTC parking fees update

• April 1 looms for those riders who park their cars at subway stations — that's the day commuters must pay for the use of a parking spot before 3 p.m. TTC workers will also lose

free parking perks — except at lesser-used lots, and only as long as these aren't needed by customers. There's a campaign against the fees at thepetition-site.com.

Michael Feldman and TTC chair Adam Giambrone. Only the latter responded — with a form email saying staff would follow up. She also put up small stickers near the broken escalators.

Jack Lakey, the Toronto Star's "Fixer," reported on the problem in January, and was told by TTC the units would be repaired by "late February" — but there was no mention of a serious water problem.

I met with Cassin last week and we agreed to push for more answers — which started coming. The TTC provided me an extensive description of the un-

derground work required, and I hope a special notice will be prepared for Wilson users.

Please see ttcupdates.com for a discussion about starting a Twitter account to report escalators that stop working. Of course, new technology won't replace the need for basic good communication — including special notices at ttc.ca and in stations. Plus a complaint department that responds promptly to complaints.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

It's your turn to tell others what you think. Email your thoughts and opinions to: torontoletters@metronews.ca

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Gold miner slides into loss

Shore Gold Inc. said it lost \$458 million weighed down by a massive writedown of mineral property spending. The company said the loss amounted to \$2.48 per share in 2008 compared with a profit of \$7.5 million or four cents per share for 2007. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Business



Price-fixing settlement

Courts in Ontario, B.C. and Quebec have approved a \$6.7-million class-action price-fixing settlement from Lufthansa — part of a larger lawsuit in the United States. It will be used against Air Canada and carriers such as Air France, British Airways, Cathay Pacific Airways, Japan Airlines International, Korean Air Lines and KLM that have chosen not to settle. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Investors eye longer rally

The Toronto stock market is headed toward the end of March with a solid 16.5 per cent gain from its recent 4½-year low.

Analysts believe there is a chance those gains may be improved upon going into April. Andrew Pyle, a wealth adviser at ScotiaMcLeod, said the market has matched the percentage gain of a bear market rally since the late 1930s.

Low expectations

Investors will be gearing up for first-quarter earnings reports during April, and expectations are low.

"The biggest rally that we have ever seen is about 62 per cent — so, clearly, we could keep going," he said.

Pyle said the worry is that stock market investors, elated this month after a long drought of good news, will give their heads a shake next month and realize that most yardsticks still point to dismal conditions.

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Analysts cautious over massive energy merger

MERGER The merger of Suncor Energy and Petro-Canada will create North America's fifth-largest energy firm, but bigger may not always be better, analysts caution. And while the deal will increase flexibility, cost savings and competitiveness during the recession, analysts say Suncor will also lose some of its allure as a purely oil-sands-focused player.

Suncor will remain a top oil sands producer once it takes on Petro-Canada's vast operations, but it will also add assets in Syria, Libya and the North Sea.

The merged company



Petro-Canada president and CEO Ron Brenneman, right, and Suncor president and CEO Rick George announce the merger of the two companies.

would have a market capitalization of \$46 billion and would be the second-largest name on the Toronto Stock Exchange, behind only Royal Bank of Canada.

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U.S. planning more aid for GM, Chrysler

BALLOON The U.S. administration is finishing work on a plan to give more financial aid to General Motors and Chrysler in return for tough cost-cutting measures that will ensure

Quitting?

General Motors chief executive Rick Wagoner is stepping down immediately, according to a person with knowledge of GM's plans.

the companies' survival. U.S. President Barack Obama's task force is expected to set firm deadlines

for the automakers to obtain concessions from their stakeholders.

Bankruptcy could still be an option for GM and Chrysler if their management, workers, creditors and shareholders fail to make sacrifices.

Obama will announce his decision today.

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Christmas already? L.L. Bean looks to new season



A shopper passes by the famous replica of the L.L. Bean boot outside the company's headquarters in Freeport, Maine. Determined not to repeat last year's holiday season, when retailers amassed so much stock they offered rampant discounts to clear it out, the company is leaning toward more practical and lower-priced items. L.L. Bean will stock up on slippers, sleds, snowshoes and skates because it predicts more customers will forgo ski vacations, said a spokesperson.

Business in brief

CREDIT UNION The Desjardins financial group — the largest co-operative financial group in Canada — is looking to the future after posting its worst

ever losses in 2008. The president of the financial co-operative wants to transform Quebec's largest credit union operator and to adapt it to an

increasingly global marketplace. The financial co-operative suffered a \$476-million loss in the fourth quarter.

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Debate over sale of Habs heats up

SPECULATION The Montreal Canadiens aren't even officially for sale yet but speculation is already swirling over who would buy one of the economic crown jewels of the National Hockey League.

The debate spilled onto the floor of Quebec's legislature, where the Parti Québécois suggested pension-fund manager Caisse de depot et placement consider buying the Habs.

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A brighter future

A study last year by the International Energy Agency found that a worldwide shift to energy-efficient lighting systems would cut the world's electricity bill by nearly one-tenth. Amazingly, the emissions created by all the light bulbs on the planet are three times those caused by aviation.

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Lingering query: Are we doomed?

We have it in our power to make better choices and live more sustainably

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen



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Any given day, a whole series of seemingly disconnected thoughts pass through our brains. Thoughts like, "I wonder where my car keys are," "I think I will wear the red cowboy hat," or "What's that smell?"

Sometimes the thoughts are more profound, but often not. Less often still, they can be strung together into a kind of story. Fortunately for us, that only has to happen once a week.

Recently, stories of new dinosaur discoveries, news about Earth Hour, a review of our heating bill and a simple question posed by a student — "Are we just doomed?" — have all been bouncing around. Are they connected?

The question "Are we doomed?" depends a lot on your frame of reference. On a geological time scale, the short answer is "sure." We know species come and go in the fossil record. The dinosaurs were doomed and they didn't even burn coal or drive Hummers. Species come and species go, but few of us are worrying that far ahead when we consider doom.

In a recent story carried on BBC, Prof. John Beddington in the U.K. warned

of a "perfect storm" of food, energy and water shortages due to increases in global population. As the population grows, increased pressure will be placed on resources that are already grossly overstretched in some parts of the world. Even without a growth in population, pressure will grow as developing economies compete for energy resources.

If we have

learned one thing from history, it's don't invade Russia in the winter. But if we learn any other lessons, they should include that the cause of nearly every war can be

sources necessary for life leads to political instability.

So, are we doomed? The situation described above is playing itself out in many parts of the world. Many conflicts in Africa and Asia have as a root cause competition for limited resources with access granted on a basis of race, religion, or some equally arbitrary basis for saying "you can't have it." The governments that can not or will not make access fair contribute to their own instability and chaos.

There is no reason to think we are going the way of the dinosaur in the near term. We're unlikely to die out as a species soon. But, if by doomed we mean doomed to live as most of the world lives, chances are good. As a species we

are more likely to go out with a whimper than a bang.

So how was your Earth Hour? How did you spend it and what did you learn? Perhaps you spent it counting the minutes until you could turn on the TV and watch So You Think You Can Dance With Canadian Idols, or whatever name the Gong Show is going by today.

But, hopefully, you spent it thinking about energy budgets and what you could do comfortably without most of the time.

Like the dinosaurs, we have no control over the freak meteor. However, in the shorter term we actually do have it in our power to make better choices and live more sustainably.

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traced to competition for resources, and failure of governments to provide the basic re-

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Longtime football coach Saban dies

Lou Saban, the longtime NFL and U.S. college coach whose career spanned five decades and dozens of jobs, died at 87 at his home in South Carolina yesterday. Saban had two stints as coach of the Buffalo Bills, from 1962 to '65 and 1972 to '76. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports

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Rochette leads Canuck medal haul

Joannie Rochette, left, of Ile-Dupas, Que., captured the silver medal Saturday in the women's singles event at the world figure skating championship in Los Angeles. It is Canada's first medal in women's singles in 21 years. Patrick Chan of Toronto won the silver in men's singles, while Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir won bronze in ice dance in just their third competition this season.

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Hot Raptors a spoiler again

NBA RESULT

Bulls 129 Raptors 134 (OT)



THE SKINNY: Chris Bosh scored 31 points and pulled down 15 rebounds as the Raptors beat the Chicago Bulls 134-129 in overtime yesterday. The Raptors have now won four straight games for the first time since Dec. 9-14, 2007.

THE BLOWN LEAD: Toronto squandered a 17-point fourth quarter lead as Derrick Rose led the Bulls and Ben Gordon tied the game with a fallaway jumper as regulation time expired.

B&B IN OT: Andrea Bargnani hit a key three-pointer in the extra session and Bosh put the game away with a tip-in over

Joakim Noah. Bargnani finished with 28 points. Bosh is averaging 20.8 points and 13.8 rebounds in his last four games.

CALDERON TIES RECORD: Jose Calderon tied a franchise record with 19 assists, and scored 22 points.

THE QUOTE: "Can you play much better?" Raptors coach Jay Triano asked of Calderon after the game. "He had a nice mixture of sharing the basketball, distributing to his teammates and eight of eleven shooting. He played very, very well."

T.O. IN T.O.: New Buffalo Bills receiver Terrell Owens sat courtside for the game.

THE NEXT GAME: The Raptors visit the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night (TSN2, FAN 590).

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Chris Bosh and Andrea Bargnani react during yesterday's 134-129 overtime victory over Chicago.

NCAA Final Four set, with upsets

At Indianapolis, the Michigan State Spartans gave the Final Four a hometown feel, stopping overall No. 1 seed Louisville to win the Midwest Regional.

Goran Suton had 19 points and 10 rebounds as the second-seeded Spartans (30-6) reached their fifth Final Four in 11 years — the most trips of any team in the nation during that span.

Only 110 kilometres from their campus, the Spartans will play Connecticut on Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit.

"Detroit, here we come," said coach Tom Izzo, a Michigan native. Louisville lost for the first time in 14 games.

Ty Lawson scored 19 points and Danny Green



Magic Johnson and Chris Allen of Michigan State celebrate after the Spartans upset Louisville yesterday.

added 18 to lead top-seeded North Carolina over Blake Griffin and Oklahoma in the South Regional final. The Tar Heels (32-4) advanced to the Final Four for the second straight year and will play Villanova in the national semifinals.

On Saturday, Villanova beat Pittsburgh and Connecticut dispatched Missouri. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Western falls in University Cup final

CIS Lachlan MacIntosh scored three goals, including the winner midway through the third period, to lead the New Brunswick Varsity Reds past the Western Ontario Mustangs 4-2 in the Canadian university men's hockey final.

MacIntosh broke a 2-2 tie at 10:24 when he collected a loose puck in the slot and fired a low shot past goaltender Brad Topping.

The CIS University Cup most valuable player iced things with an empty-netter with 46 seconds left, and also opened the scoring at 18:58 of the first as the V-Reds claimed their second national title in three years.

John Scott Dickson also scored for New Brunswick, while Travis Fullerton made 28 saves, including a handful of big ones as

Western pressed hard for an equalizer in the dying minutes.

Patrick Ouellet and Kevin Baker replied for the Mustangs, unlikely finalists after scoring five straight goals in the third period of a 7-2 thrashing of Saint Mary's on Saturday. They needed to beat the Huskies by at least three goals to advance.

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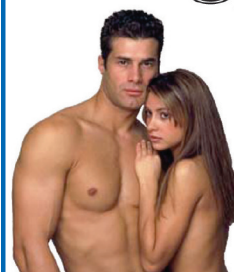
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PRO-LINE EXAMPLE >>>

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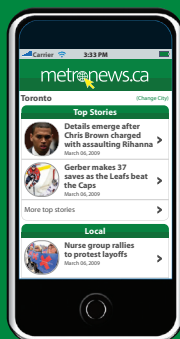
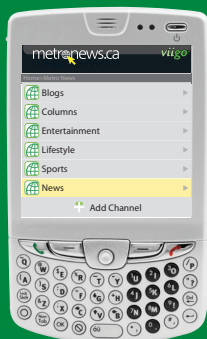
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Tiger Woods made a 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th yesterday to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational and match his largest PGA comeback. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

He's back

Mitchell's firing not a surprise

On the surface, Dale Mitchell leaves the Canadian men's soccer team where he found it — ranked 94th in the world.

Only the neighbours have changed. In May 2007, the Canadians were sandwiched between Libya and Ethiopia. Today, it is Mozambique and the Congo Democratic Republic.

Mitchell's firing Friday leaves the men's team rudderless — once again.

And the Canadian Soccer Association presumably with less money to spend on the pitch, with Mitchell's contract running through 2010.

There was no immediate word on Mitchell's replacement.

"We felt in the best interests of the program it



Mitchell

was time to move forward, in maybe a different direction," CSA general secretary Peter Montopoli said.

"And going into 2009, this seemed to be the most appropriate timing."

Some might have wondered if the timing would have been better if the move was made in November, when the Canadian men ended a dismal 0-4-2 round of CONCACAF World Cup qualifying that saw them bow out prior to the final round.

The men's team has not played since.

Asked why Mitchell had not been fired immediately after the failed World

Cup campaign, Montopoli said the association wanted to review "the whole scenario."

Mitchell's departure is not unexpected.

There had been rumblings of change for several weeks, with Montopoli offering half-hearted denials or deflections.

Mitchell, 50, leaves with a record of 3-7-5 at the national helm and a trail of disgruntled players in his wake since his appointment in 2007.

Jim Brennan, Dwayne De Rosario, Greg Sutton and Julian de Guzman have all complained about various aspects of the Canadian setup, with some pointing the finger at coaching.

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Workology

EDITOR: DOUGLAS DUNLOP, DOUGLAS.DUNLOP@METRONEWS.CA



For a living, George Rae makes sure boat compasses — the only thing that works when the power goes out — are working perfectly.

A career in the right direction: Due north

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For as long as he can remember, George Rae went out on boats with his father.

His dad, originally from Scotland and a former member of the merchant navy, emigrated to Halifax for a job as a master mariner. He later got work as a compass adjuster and soon started his own company.

By the time Rae was 12, he wasn't just tagging along on rides for fun. By age 18, he was doing the work himself.

"I was always intrigued and I loved the boats. And going with my father was

always special," says Rae who lost his dad this past January.

After Rae finished high school, he joined the merchant marines. For six years he worked on offshore cargo boats and made his way up from deck hand to chief mate.

But it was tough being away from home so much, as he had a young family. In 1987, his dad asked him to join the family business as a compass adjuster (one of his sisters, his oldest brother and his wife work for the company too).

Rae, now 47, takes calls from everyone from small pleasure boat owners to captains of offshore oil rigs. Most boats on the water are mandated to have a compass — even if they have a host of other fancy gizmos. "The magnetic compass is the only thing that works when the power goes out," Rae says.

But they can lose their sense of magnetic north over time, thanks to new equipment on the boat, renovations, or just harsh weather. To get a compass back on track, usually on an annual basis, Rae takes the boat out on the water. He either drives (his 22-year-old son sometimes comes along to help) or the crew on a larger boat steers.

He then stops the boats at the various headings on the compass. Rae uses the sun, familiar landmarks or a chart to line the boat up. He then trues up the compass by using magnets. Most compasses have slots built right in where small magnets can fit, or Rae affixes them to the side of the boat.

The whole process takes about an hour. Most observers of Rae at work are pretty surprised to see him turning a boat in circles on the water. "A lot of people get this look, like, 'Here's

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the man with his black magic," says Rae.

Thanks to his years on boats and his study of magnets, it's neither mysterious nor magical to Rae. Just a job he learned at his father's side.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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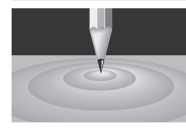
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Postponing retirement becoming more common

While the economic crisis is being felt by nearly every segment of the working population, one group of workers is faced with particularly tough decisions regarding their futures.

Six-in-10 workers (60 per cent) over the age of 60 say they are putting off their retirement due to the impact of the U.S. financial crisis on their long-term savings, according to a survey by CareerBuilder.

Depleted savings accounts due to the economic downturn are causing older workers to stay in the workforce longer to make up for their losses. One-in-ten workers (11 per cent) over the age of 60 who are putting off retirement say that the decrease to their savings may now cause them to never retire, while 73 per

"Mature workers may be feeling the pinch of this difficult economy more than others because of their impending plans for retirement."

Jason Ferrara, career adviser

cent think it will take them up to six years of extra work to recoup their lost savings. Nearly a quarter (24 per cent) feels they can make their money back by working an additional year or two.

"Mature workers may be feeling the pinch of this difficult economy more than others because of their impending plans for retirement," said Jason Ferrara, Senior Career Adviser at CareerBuilder.

"Mature workers who are returning to the workforce to offset their retirement losses will likely encounter many of the same challenges that workers of any age are facing today. However, their level of knowledge and experi-

ence and network of professional contacts will work to their advantage in a competitive job market."

CareerBuilder offers these tips for navigating through a difficult economy:

• Talk to your supervisor

Let your company know that you would like to postpone your retirement, focusing on your strengths and value you bring to the organization. Come prepared with ideas for new revenue opportunities, operational efficiencies or creative executions and volunteer to head up new projects.

• Track market trends

Keep the changes in the job market on your radar if you are concerned

about layoffs at your organization and know you need to keep working. Study areas that are showing growth even in a down economy and research how you can transfer the wide set of skills you already have to opportunities in those fields.

• Network offline and online

Throughout your career, you've likely built a large network of professional and personal contacts. Add to this network by joining various social networking sites such as BrightFuse.com and Facebook.

• Be resilient

As a mature worker, chances are you've been through an economic downturn in the past. Use what you learned in previous recessions to help the company weather the storm and serve as a reassuring presence for others within the organization.

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Tyler at a wedding, again

Liv Tyler is walking down the aisle again, as the maid of honour in writer/director Galt Niederhoffer's independent film *The Romantics* — about seven close friends who reunite to watch two of their pals get married. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Entertainment

Jen sexiest

Jennifer Aniston has topped *Details'* new list of Hollywood's sexiest women. The former *Friends* star beat Megan Fox and Gisele Bündchen to land the top spot.

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Sarah McLachlan performs during the Juno Awards show last night in Vancouver.



Nickelback celebrates after winning the trophy for group of the year at the Juno Awards ceremony in Vancouver last night.



Songwriter of the year winner Dallas Green poses with wife and MuchMusic VJ Leah Miller.



Rock star Sam Roberts goes country on the red carpet at the Juno Awards.



Corner Gas star Gabrielle Miller arrives on the red carpet at the Juno Awards.



Elvis Costello and Diana Krall arrive on the red carpet.

Last night's Juno Awards at Vancouver's GM Place reflected a shift in the event's tone from past years: An effort to get a little more rugged and raw.

Along with the usual Can-con rockers, this year's nominees included several indie artists, from F*ed Up's layered hardcore to the thrash-electro of Crystal Castles. Much of the show — from performers to jokes — reflected a focus on riskier material.

Backed by a stage of psychedelic plants, host Russell Peters started off with a Bollywood-themed song and dance. But halfway through the song, the dancers ripped off the

Juno winners

- Album of the year: Nickelback, *Dark Horse*
- Artist of the year: Sam Roberts
- Juno fan choice award: Nickelback
- Songwriter of the year: Dallas Green, *City and Colour*
- New artist of the year: Lights
- Rap recording of the year: Kardinal Offishall, *Not 4 Sale*
- Group of the year: Nickelback

sometime hip-hop DJ's costume so he could showcase his popping and locking techniques. The transition reflected his promise to tweak a few nerves during his second stint as host.

Sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll: Peters hit all three with jokes about yearning for Anne Murray's sex tape, slams on former *Barenaked Ladies* singer Steven Page's recent drug-related troubles, and stage props that looked smokable.

Rock-grunge act Nickelback claimed the night's

two biggest prizes — group of the year and album of the year, as well as the Juno fan choice award.

"The press are gonna hate us tomorrow," joked frontman Chad Kroeger. "We apologize for hogging up all the air time."

Super producer Bob Rock inducted '80s rockers Loverboy into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame, Sarah McLachlan received the Allan Waters humanitarian award, and perennial Juno winner Bryan Adams sang *Walk On By*.

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k.d. Lang and Buffy Sainte-Marie awarded Alexisonfire's Dallas Green songwriter of the year for his quieter work as *City and Colour*. Green was joined onstage by the Tragically Hip's Gord Downie to perform *Sleeping Sickness*.

Fresh from an Australian tour with Kings of Leon, rockers The Stills won Junos for new group of the year and alternative album of the year. Other standouts included back-to-back songs by Crystal Shawanda, Divine Brown and Serena Ryder, and a rocking version of *Them Kids* by rock album of the year winner Sam Roberts.



Juno Awards show host Russell Peters strikes a pose during the show's opening.

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Turning the 'Page'?

Barenaked Ladies on life after frontman's departure

If the Barenaked Ladies miss former frontman Steven Page, they're doing an excellent job of hiding it.

After winning a Juno Award for children's album of the year for *Snacktime!* on Saturday, singer Ed Robertson said the group felt "reinvigorated and revitalized."

"It's been a tough year for the band, but at the same time it's been a really galvanizing year," he said backstage at the private dinner ceremony. "The four of us feel really confident and really proud of what we've done."

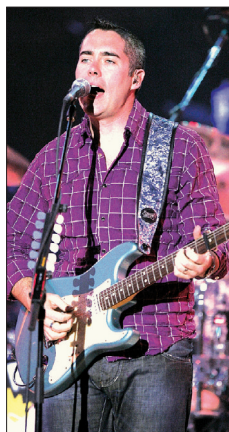
"We have all felt really reinvigorated and revitalized and to kick things off like this is a great boost."

The rest of the Junos were to be handed out Sunday night during a gala show airing on CTV.

The Barenaked Ladies announced in February that Page would be leaving the group after 20-plus years to pursue other projects, including a career in theatre.

Page's departure followed a tumultuous year for the band. Last summer, Page, his girlfriend and her roommate were charged with drug possession after police found cocaine at a Fayetteville, N.Y., apartment.

In late October, all three



Barenaked Ladies won a Juno for children's album *Snacktime!* Pictured: singer Ed Robertson.

secured a deal that will result in their charges being dropped if they stay out of trouble for six months.

Drummer Tyler Stewart acknowledges that the group has been through a lot, yet he says it's drawn the remaining members closer together.

"Everyone I think is looking for us to say one way or the other that, you know, it's been an incredibly hard year, so I'm going to say it: It's been an incredibly hard year," he said. "These three guys and myself have become closer than we ever have been over the last year,

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and we're committed to each other, and committed to the music, and committed to you, everyone, all of our listeners, because we love what we do."

"And we feel like, in some ways, we've rescued it out of a certain fire, and we are very, very grateful to do what we do for a living. We're going to protect it, we're going to nurture it, and we're going to soar into the stratosphere. That's our goal and we couldn't be happier."

Robertson said the group is still finding its way as a four-piece, but they seemed right at home on Saturday in an entertaining question and answer session, which closed with Robertson freestyling a rap about winning the award.

When multi-instrumentalist Kevin Hearn said he hoped their latest album inspired children the same way the Beatles' *Yellow Submarine* affected him when he was a kid, Robertson interjected: "Kevin's directly comparing us to the Beatles."

"Well, there's four of us now," replied Stewart.

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Slasher story got its start on the net



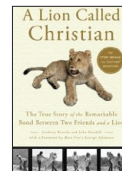
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A Lion Called Christian

Author: Anthony Bourke & John Rendall

Publisher: Random House

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Entertainment in brief

MUSIC Not even a wet and chilly Vancouver morning deterred hundreds of autograph hunters from coming to the annual Juno Fan Fare Saturday to collect signatures from

some of Canada's hottest musical acts. Fans huddled into a white tent on the city's Granville Street to pose for pictures and autographs from artists who included Faber

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Chris Brown and Rihanna, who added star power to last year's Kids' Choice Awards, were conspicuously absent at the annual event on Saturday. Brown, who was nominated, withdrew his name from Kids' Choice contention after he was arrested Feb. 8. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Another ill-conceived WWE plot

12 Rounds

Director: Renny Harlin

Stars: John Cena, Aidan Gillen, Ashley Scott

Classification: PG-13

Rating: Ⓜ

PHIL BROWN
For Metro Canada

REVIEW The WWE has given the world many gifts. Providing hard-edged straight men an opportunity to watch greased up guys rolling around in spandex

without any overt homoeroticism and Hulk Hogan's fantastic handlebar mustache rank among their positive contributions to pop culture.

WWE Studios, on the other hand, is a gift that we all wish we could give back. The Hollywood careers of Hulk Hogan and Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson have proved that with a certain level of irony, wrestlers can have legitimate acting careers provided that their movies aspire to nothing

beyond novelty entertainment.

Sadly these lessons have not been learned by anyone at WWE Studios and thus we have 12 Rounds, a movie that would get an unceremonious direct-to-DVD release without a wrestler in the lead role. The creators of 12 Rounds seem to have dusted off a failed action screenplay from the '90s and refashioned it for wrestler John Cena (who was conveniently "injured" and absent from the WWE

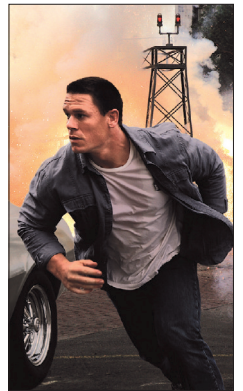
throughout production).

Cena plays a cop who inadvertently killed the girlfriend of an Irish super-thief (Aidan Gillen). One year later, the thief breaks out of prison and makes Cena play a 12-round Die Hard With A Vengeance-style game that sees the wrestler thrust into a series of ill-conceived action sequences whenever the thief and filmmakers see fit.

If 12 Rounds was a Dolph Lundgren movie from the late '80s, it would merely

have been another C-level action movie to vanish without much fuss. Playing on screens today with the uncharismatic John Cena in the lead role, the plot contrivances and genre clichés are so distracting that it makes you wonder how high-concept action movies were ever successful.

Nothing is believable or relatable and the action scenes staged by Renny Harlin (the Cutthroat Island hack) are clumsy and uninspired.



A scene from 12 Rounds, starring John Cena.

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Willis has wed — officially

It's official: Bruce Willis and Emma Heming are husband and wife. After their wedding celebration in the Caribbean last weekend, the actor and the model/actress were wed in a civil ceremony Friday. PEOPLE.COM



Blumer battles for best

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Ever since he was a school-boy growing up in Montreal, Bob Blumer's appetite for competition has been insatiable.

A post-Halloween contest to see which student could bring in the most candy for charity from their loot of sweets found Blumer in a Catch-22. He loved candy. He loved competition. How could he part with one to satisfy the other?

"It killed me, but that's how competitive I am. I was willing to sacrifice one of my favourite things," he recalls. Presented with the alternatives, Blumer bit the bonbon bullet, shedding sweets to succeed.

It's that same zeal that drives Blumer on his challenge-oriented television program *Glutton for Punishment*, which debuts its third season on the Food Network tonight. The show follows Blumer through a different food-related challenge on each episode, with only five days to prepare for a feat

"I'm always going for it because I'm competitive and I'm vain. It's a bad combination."

Bob Blumer,
Glutton for Punishment host



Bob Blumer stars in *Glutton for Punishment*, which debuts its third season on the Food Network tonight.

that typically requires much longer to overcome.

But instead of raising candy, he's raising the stakes. This season sees Blumer attempt such tests as breaking the Guinness World Record for the most pancakes made in one hour at the Calgary Stampede, and competing against deep sea diving fisherman for who can collect the most sea urchins on one oxygen tank off the coast of British Columbia.

"I didn't really expect that there would be a reasonable chance of death in the sea urchin diving episode until we got a little bit foolish and pushed the envelope a little too far," says Blumer.

Despite being spotted a third of each of his com-

petitors' oxygen, Blumer nearly drowned during the challenge. "I was literally tangled in kelp when I ran out of air," he says, sucking in swiftly and popping his lips to imitate the sensation.

Although he says he felt infallible going into the challenge, the attached danger barely seems to faze him now, even given the potentially deadly consequences he faced. "I'm always going for it, because I'm competitive and I'm vain," he says with a laugh. "It's a bad combination."

In *Glutton for Punishment*, Blumer combines his love for competition

with his love of food, placing greater emphasis on the culinary in this round, following prior stints as a cookbook author and host of cooking show *The Surreal Gourmet*. But it's not just food Blumer's a glutton for.

"I'm not a moderation person. I eat too much, drink too much, exercise too much..." he says. "It's not necessarily something I would suggest other people subscribe to, but so far it's worked for me!"

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In brief

POSTPONED Vanessa Redgrave has rescheduled her benefit performance of the stage version of *The Year of Magical Thinking* at New York's Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine.

ROLE Grey's Anatomy star Katherine Heigl says she's ready to stay with the ABC medical drama if the show decides to keep her character around.

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\$23 million

3 Knowing:

\$14.7 million

4 I Love You, Man:

\$12.6 million

5 Duplicity:

\$7.6 million

6 Race to Witch Mountain:

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7 12 Rounds:

\$5.3 million

8 Watchmen:

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9 Taken:

\$2.7 million

10 The Last House on the Left:

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CBC Winnipeg Comedy Festival

Traveling may have been what Jimmy Buffett was referring to when he wrote, "If we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane." In "Bon Voyage," Manoj Sood brings his "Little Mosque on the Prairie" character, Baber Siddiqui, to the stage to introduce a variety of comedians. They include Geri Hall, Jimmy Tingle and John Wynn. 9:30 PM on CBC



Chuck

An is sent to evaluate Sarah's performance as Chuck's handler after he reveals his feelings about her. Morgan, Lester and Jeff try to get invited to Awesome's bachelor party in the new episode "Chuck Versus the Broken Heart." 8 PM on NBC

Medium

Allison becomes a human lie detector after she dreams about a game show and starts hearing a buzzer whenever anyone lies to her. One of Joe's former co-workers accuses him of stealing his designs in the new episode "Truth Be Told." 10 PM on NBC



Stella McCartney will be honoured with an award Monday for her environmental efforts by the U.K. National Resources Defense Council. The designer, who refuses to use fur or leather, will receive the reward from Leonardo DiCaprio, reports Catwalk Queen. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Animal-free McCartney honoured

Celebrity Buzz

Brit's team sues superfan

LEGAL Jordan Miller — the owner and webmaster of Britney Spears' most popular fan site, breathe-heavy.com — has spent the past five years supporting the singer, but he's about to be shut down by the pop star herself, us-magazine.com reports.

Although Miller asserts that the sole purpose of the site is "to support the icon of our generation, Britney Spears, and to continuously stick by her through the good and

bad," Spears' father Jamie has taken legal action over some of the content.

"I have been battling the conservatorship Britney is currently placed under for months now," Miller wrote in a message to fellow fans on the site's homepage Friday.



"When I did not conform to the requests and demands Britney's management and father, Jamie Spears, recently put upon Breathe-Heavy to stay quiet, they in turn became angry and malicious,

launching, what I feel is an unjust attack, against me and my website."

He received a legal notice from Jamie's lawyers pressuring him to dismantle the site by Friday afternoon, or face an injunction. Spears' legal team claims the site is "replete with willful, unauthorized" use of copyrighted lyrics to songs as well as video and audio recordings and photos of Spears. The website was still online yesterday.

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Robert's scary on-set accident

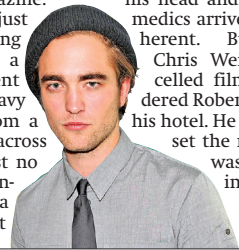
PEOPLE Robert Pattinson required medical help after an advertising sign knocked him over during shooting of New Moon in Vancouver, female-first.co.uk reports.

A source told National Enquirer magazine: "Robert had just started shooting a scene when a gust of violent wind tore a heavy metal sign from a post. It shot across location so fast no one even managed to shout a warning at

Robert. It hit him on the head and he dropped to the ground lying deadly still. Cast and crew ran to help.

"Robert finally came around. The crew put ice on the knot-sized lump on his head and by the time medics arrived he was coherent. But director Chris Weitz still cancelled filming and ordered Robert to return to his hotel. He came back to set the next day, but was still sporting a lump."

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Love sued for e-smack talk

LEGAL Looks like Courtney Love needs to watch what she types. Fashion designer Dawn Simorangkir is suing the singer for an unspecified amount, claiming Love used her MySpace and Twitter accounts to bad-mouth her after a dispute over an invoice, Page Six reports.

According to the suit, Love posted online that the designer "has a history of selling cocaine, has a history of assault and battery, has a record of prostitution, has committed grand theft ...

is a racist and homophobe ... (and) is a danger to society."

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Madonna adopting again

PEOPLE Madonna toured an impoverished village and discussed plans Sunday for building a new school in Malawi, the central African country where officials said she would begin proceedings this week to adopt a young girl.

While touring the village of Chinkhota, the 50-year-old pop star refused to answer questions about reports that she was in Malawi to adopt a four-year-old girl. She said it was "amazing" to be back in the country where she runs a

charity organization and from where she adopted her son David, 3, last year.

Then she rushed away in a convoy of at least three sport utility vehicles, as crowds of shouting, waving children ran after her.

A security guard with Madonna's convoy said she was speaking to villagers about building



a school there. She was seen looking at an artist's impression of the proposed building.

Madonna was expected to appear in court Monday to sign adoption papers.

A Malawian welfare official and another person involved in the adoption proceedings have said the girl Madonna is hoping to adopt is about four years old and her unmarried mother died soon after she was born. The girl's father is believed to be alive but no other details were available.

A U.S. government official has also confirmed that an adoption bid by Madonna, an American, was underway.

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Rihanna's rebound?

RUMOUR Rihanna is not spending her break from Chris Brown with Frankie Delgado, who tells People magazine they are "just friends."

Delgado, who starred in MTV's The Hills and Bromance, says the chatter started because "she's been out, hanging out, I guess. It's Hollywood, people talk a lot."

Asked how she is doing, his reply was only, "She's good."

The singer recently returned to L.A. after a trip to New York City, where she had business meetings and spent time with her manager, her mentor Jay-Z, Beyoncé and Brandy.

"She is looking forward to getting back to work and focusing on her career again," a source told People, adding that Rihanna's trip was also designed to help her "clear her mind and take things one day at a time."

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Leo paints Kids' Choice green

PEOPLE Nickelodeon's 22nd Annual Kids' Choice Awards was especially green this year, female-first.co.uk reports, as the children's cable network gave out its first-ever Big Green Help Award.

Cameron Diaz presented Leonardo DiCaprio because of his contribution

to environmental issues, including his Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation.

"Do you like this planet that we live on? Is this an awesome place to live or what?" DiCaprio told the audience. "Well, it's

the only place we've got ... We need all of you, the next generation, to take action. In fact, I bet someone watching this very show tonight will be a part of the solution to global warming."

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Never met grandkid: Tori's mom

PEOPLE In a new interview for ABC's 20/20 that aired this week-end, Candy Spelling says she's never met her granddaughter, msn.com reports.

Spelling, widow of TV mogul

Aaron Spelling and mother of Tori Spelling, says she's never met nine-month-old Stella, Tori's daughter with husband Dean McDermott.

The couple also

has a two-year-old son named Liam.

"I would love to be close to my grandchildren," Candy told 20/20 co-anchor Elizabeth Vargas.

"I'm the only grandparent that's living. So, I'm it. And — I've never even met Stella."

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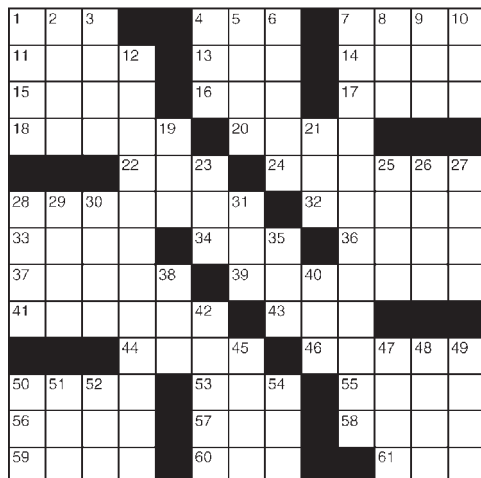
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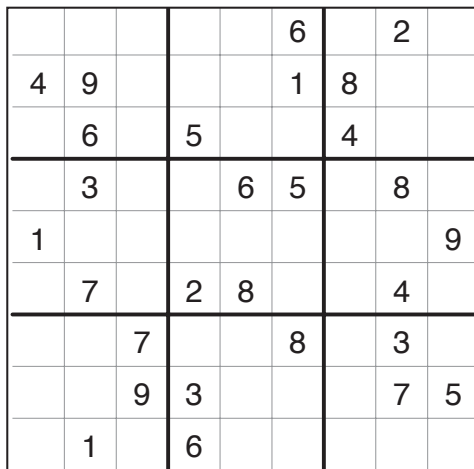
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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



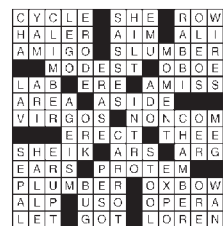
Crossword across

- 1 History chapter
4 Recede
7 Note to self, e.g.
11 Co-ed quarters
13 Stout cousin?
14 Verve
15 Concept
16 Dress (in)
17 Otherwise
18 Tropical timber trees
20 Coated with gold
22 Dawn goddess
24 Acceptable
28 Splendour
32 Form
33 PC picture
34 Morning moisture
36 Facility
37 Disreputable
39 It may say "Home Sweet Home"
41 Motion detector, e.g.
43 Neither mate
44 Unstable particle
46 Brandy flavour
50 Pinnacle
53 Cranberry territory
55 Old portico
56 Angry
57 Greek mountain
58 Former frosh
59 Put in the mail
60 Profit
61 Chaps

Crossword down

- 1 Tend texts
2 Took the bus
3 Vicinity
4 Have breakfast
5 Online journal
6 Start
7 Tim Russert's longtime show
8 Right angle
9 More, to Manuel
10 Indivisible
12 Just stay within your budget
19 "Mayday!"
21 — Angeles
23 Norm (Abbr.)
25 False idol
26 Church section
27 Antelope's playmate
28 Fail to hit
29 Rue the run
30 Rivers or Collins
31 "Of course"
35 Ashen
38 Second person
40 Swab the deck
42 Batman's partner
45 Protuberance
47 Teensy bit
48 Get by somehow
49 Nobel chemist Otto
50 Venomous snake
51 Bill and —
52 Wife's address
54 "Roscoe"

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



7	2	3	4	8	9	5	6	1
6	4	9	1	3	5	8	7	2
5	1	8	2	7	6	3	4	9
2	3	6	9	4	8	1	5	7
4	7	1	5	6	3	9	2	8
8	9	5	7	1	2	4	3	6
9	8	4	3	2	7	6	1	5
1	5	2	6	9	4	7	8	3
3	6	7	8	5	1	2	9	4

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Stir-Fried Beef with Mango

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (500 g) lean steak
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 tsp (5 ml) sugar
1 tsp (10 ml) low-sodium soy sauce
1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml)
DRESSING:
2 tsp (10 ml) paprika
2 tsp (10 ml) mild chili powder
1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) honey
1-in. (2.5-cm) piece fresh ginger, grated
1 cup (250 ml) water
4 tbsp (60 ml) vinegar
Juice of 1 lime or lemon

SALAD:

- 1 mango, peeled and cut into strips
2 plums, sliced
1/4 medium red cabbage
2 cups (500 ml) watercress leaves
1/2 cucumber
1/2 red pepper
3 scallions, sliced on the diagonal
1/4 cup (50 ml) mixed fresh mint and cilantro
2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped roasted unsalted peanuts

METHOD:

1. For dressing, put paprika, chili powder, honey, ginger and vinegar in a

pot and slowly add water, stirring. Boil, the reduce heat to low and simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in lime or lemon juice. Set aside.
2. Shred cabbage, cut cucumber into matchsticks and cut pepper into thin strips. Combine salad ingredients, except peanuts, in shallow serving dish and toss. Set aside.
3. Cut steak into thin strips for stir-frying. Put steak into bowl with garlic, sugar and soy sauce and mix to coat steak. Heat wok or frying pan on high heat, then add oil. Add beef and stir-fry until strips are browned and cooked to taste.
4. Spoon stir-fried beef over salad, drizzle dressing and sprinkle with peanuts. Serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You must avoid lonely people all day. A cafe is not the best place to buy electronics. A job search needs to be more realistic.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



An increase in socializing will be a delight. It's an inconvenience to overlook a mediocre man. A friend gives you a hassle-free choice.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Let nature take its course with a former adversary. A peer is dealing with too much in a family situation. An unhappy person has a secret admirer.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



It's easy to roll out the red carpet for a pal. Poor memory helps you withstand boredom. A chaotic moment arises due to a refusal.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



A condescending woman brings some news. You have a troubled conscience. A planner needs an aggressive strategy.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



An enthusiastic helper appears to withstand fears. Paranoid fantasies provoke snide remarks. Make a valued alliance with a thinker.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



A conspirator concentrates on security. Freedom comes from being realistic. You'll be on the receiving end of a shocking fact.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



A powerless man gives up the chase. Invest in apparel and appliances. Women will demand more of your time.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



A confused person is working too hard. A difficult situation eases up and a problem is resolved. Mark out your territory with a tough response.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



You'll make a discovery when you focus. Give a fascinating speech at a get-together. Anything is possible if you look within.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Communicate openly with a rescuer. Smile at a loser to boost their self-esteem. An innocent person wants to find wisdom.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



A practical joker could give you the giggles. A thick-skinned person gets cross-examined. There'll be last-minute chores to perform.

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